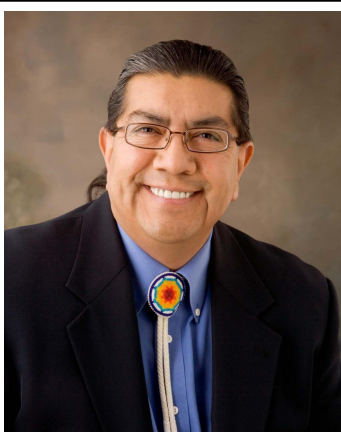


# Utah Division of Indian Affairs

## Tribal Leaders Newsletter Report

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The primary service provided by UDIA is **Information and Referral**.

This includes:

- General information about Utah's American Indians and tribes
- Presentations to various sectors: public, private, schools
- Publication and distribution of information
- Speaker's Bureau
- Web site:  
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Powerpoint

### Comments from the Executive Director, Division of Indian Affairs:

This is a very sad time for my family and me. As most of you know, our beloved son, David, passed away in the early morning hours of March 21, 2007. We do not know the actual cause of death but the doctors believe he suffered a seizure that brought on cardiac arrest. David was on medication and this medication may have reacted to some other substance that he ingested.

We had no idea the great impact our son had on the lives of so many other people. From Title VII students in Jordan School District to law school colleagues and political leaders. David's funeral was well attended and it was very inspirational, even powerful. We were amazed at the number of people and flowers and cards we received. In fact, we are still receiving them. I need not say our beautiful son ...David... will be missed by all.

Realizing that life must go on, I will proceed with the assistance of our staff, with this report. My staff and I hope you enjoy our newsletter and that our efforts of working together will be rewarding as we enter this coming year.

This year's Indian Caucus Day was one of the best to date. Tribal leaders were introduced to both the House and Senate. Over 50 legislative representatives attended the caucus. Tribal leaders had an opportunity to meet with both Senate and House leadership and their respective caucuses. The meeting with Governor Huntsman also went very well - see more information about these meetings and pictures later in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest A. Cook".

### **2007 General Session and Annual American Indian Caucus:**

The Legislative Session has come and gone. The following bills were passed:

- SB 204 (S01) Human Remains Related Amendments
- HB 19 and HB 138 rolled into HB 87 Navajo and Ute Revitalization Amendments
- HB 106 Registration Targeting Women and Minority-owned Enterprises
- HJR 01 S01 Joint Resolution Regarding Action on Groundwater in Snake Valley
- SB 42 Preferred Prescription Drug List
- SB 46 Health Care Amendments

New leadership was appointed to the **Native American Legislative Liaison Committee**. Our Senate Chairman is Kevin Vantassell, District 26 (R), and the House Chairman is Kay McIff District 70 (R).



### **Federal Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act Training**

On March 22 our office was pleased to host Dr. Timothy McKeown and Jamie Lovealee, Esq. to Salt Lake City for a day of training on the Federal Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act. Members of the NWB of Shoshone, Paiute tribe of Utah, and Confederated Tribe of Goshute Indians, along with the Utah State Attorney Generals office, the Antiquities Section of the Division of State History, and the Department of Community and Culture were present. Of notable interest :

- Only federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations are eligible for repatriation under federal guidelines
- There are four categories of objects protected by federal NAGPRA
  - Human Remains
  - Funerary Objects
  - Sacred Objects
  - Objects of Cultural Patrimony
- NAGPRA grants are available in specific areas to help facilitate the process

### **Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act— S.B.204**

We are pleased to tell you that S.B.204 passed the Utah State Legislature with no opposition. This means that all Native American human remains found on state or non-federal land (all other land that is not federal land) will be protected and cared for under our state Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. This is exciting news for our office as this furthers our efforts of repatriation.

## Indian Caucus Day

This year Indian Caucus Day on the Hill was a great success. Various members of tribal councils from most of Utah's American Indian tribes were present to address the Utah State Legislature. They met with Representatives from the House and were introduced on the House Floor earlier in the morning. This was followed by a luncheon and address to the Senate Republican Committee where tribal leaders were able to address some of their most pressing concerns. A buffet lunch was provided in the State room and music and hoop dancing added a cultural touch. The day was

rounded out with a meeting with Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. where the topic of economic development was discussed.





### **Utah American Indian Housing Advisory Board**

In February the Utah American Indian Housing Advisory Board met with Ute Mountain Ute leaders in White Mesa to tour some home in need of assistance and to discuss White Mesa housing needs. In attendance from the Housing Board was Jon Warner, Executive Director of the Board and NWB of Shoshone Housing Director, Forrest S. Cuch, Executive Director Utah Division of Indian Affairs, Elena Bensor, representative of the Anti-discrimination and Fair Labor and Housing Commission, Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director of the Department of Community and Culture, Richard Walker and Mike Glen from the Division of Housing and Community Development, and Jane Shock

from American Express Community Giving Program, among others. It was a good meeting, full of information about the Olene Walker Loan fund, Weatherization program in the Division of Housing and Community Develop-



### **Utah Tribal Emergency Response Committee (UTERC):**

This committee, formerly referred to as Utah Tribal Emergency Management Committee, has continued to meet under the auspices of the Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security. Last month, Misty Bruns was appointed as the state coordinator, Liaison/ planner III, who will be continuing to call the various meetings under that office.

The UTERC is presently reviewing bylaws to govern its operations. The first review of the bylaws was conducted at a meeting April 12. UTERC plans to meet quarterly and as needed. It has been proposed that it will have nine (9) voting members with a majority of five (5) constituting a quorum. Adding structure to this committee will ensure that it will become more viable and greater collaboration will lead to greater funding opportunities and better operations at the tribal level. Furthermore, better relations with the state will improve the level of cooperation that will be necessary in case of an emergency in the future.

Misty Bruns can cover the greater details regarding this important program.

### **Education – Tribal Education Directors (TEDS) meeting:**

Due to the priority given to education, UDIA has sponsored three meetings of tribal education directors this past year. The first one was Monday, April 3, 2006, the second September 10, 2006, and the third December 8, 2006. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss: 1) formation of a Tribal Education Directors National Assembly, 2) the achievement gap in Utah schools, and 3) implementation of the Roots & Shoots Program in tribal communities. These meetings have been very successful. There will be follow-up meetings throughout the coming year.

### **Native American Summit**

This year's Native American Summit will be held in Cedar City at the SUU campus and will be hosted by the Paiute tribe of Utah. The dates for the summit are September 11-12. The Lt. Governor's office held a meeting on March 21 and invited tribal leaders and representatives to attend. It was decided at the meeting this year's summit will focus on three issues: Economic Development, Health, and Education. Task force committees are being formed to address these issues and the Lt. Governor would like all suggestions from the tribes as to who should serve on those committees. Please send any recommendations to our office or the office of the Lt. Governor.



### **FHWA Agreements for Section 106 Consultation**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) would like to discuss with the Tribes the possibility of developing programmatic agreements (PA) with each Tribe to formalize the Section 106 (of the National Historic Preservation Act) process. A PA would help streamline and make transparent this process. Some of the issues that could be covered in a PA include the following:

- The geographic area within which each Tribe would like to be consulted. This could minimize the number of letters each Tribe received, so they were not receiving letters on areas of the state they were not interested in.
- The types of projects each Tribe would like to be consulted on. There may be routine, minor projects such as pavement rehabilitation, or projects in urbanized areas, that a Tribe may not want to be consulted about.
- How the Tribes would like to be notified, and what types of information are most useful to them when commenting on a project.
- Which agency (FHWA or UDOT) can initiate consultation. Because federal agencies maintain a government-to-government relationship with Tribes, some Tribes prefer consultation to be initiated by FHWA. UDOT currently handles all of the other facets of the Section 106 process, and would be interested in working directly with the Tribes on consultation if that was agreeable to them.

## **Website Update**

We are redoing our website along with the Department of Community and Culture, to better serve our constituents. Besides offering information about the division, we are planning to utilize the site to showcase events that are happening in Utah. You would have the ability to post your tribes' events on our Events Calendar. Our website is also essential to educating the public about Utah's tribes, their history and the issues affecting them. The website will be launched this summer, along with the new logo for The Department of Community and Culture. Please take some time to look at our current website, [www.indian.utah.gov](http://www.indian.utah.gov), and let us know what information about your tribe needs to be updated.

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## **The Logo**

The medicine wheel is central to the concept design and provides the framework for the emblem. Within the circle via the quadrants lie representations of both the mountain-plains cultures (Ute and Shoshoni) and desert cultures (Goshute, Paiute, and Navajo) of Utah's American Indians; and both the ancient cultures of the Pre-Puebloan/Anasazi and the Fremont. The two eagle feathers attached to the sides of the shield and the tobacco ties at the bottom represent balance and the need for peace and equilibrium in the world. The lines dividing the circle into quadrants represent the cardinal directions. The sacred colors (white, red, yellow, and black) represent the major races of man. The lines intersecting in the middle or center are interpreted to mean that all humans are truly brothers and sisters because we possess the same spirit that is a gift of the Creator. The logo was designed by Dallin Maybee (Seneca/Arapaho) who previously resided in Ibapah, Utah. Dallin is a champion traditional dancer who has performed throughout the United States. He is presently pursuing law school.

